

D&D World Cup Podcasts - English for Football

Each week the presenters look at one or two phrases connected to football that may help you understand the game better when you are watching.

Week 1 - 'What a _____'

Damon introduced the expression 'what a ...'

'When you see something really good or really bad you can use this phrase:

What a goal Steven Gerrard has scored again!

What a game, England 6 Sweden 2

What a terrible referee! When you are not happy with the referee.'

Week 2 'Gutted'

Damon introduced the word 'gutted' on Podcast 2:

'When you are really disappointed about something. When you wanted something to happen and it just didn't happen '**gutted**' is the word for you. The other day Japan lost, they conceded three goals in the last 7 minutes, the Japanese fans were **gutted**.'

There were also mentions in this week's media reports about Michael Owen and Japan (again!)

The Guardian

England squad '**gutted**' by loss of injured Owen

<http://football.guardian.co.uk/worldcup2006/comment/story/0,,1803062,00.html>

Japan Times

"We're all **gutted**. We tried our hardest and we are all extremely disappointed," Kawaguchi said.

<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/sw20060624a1.html>

Week 3 - 'Howler'

Damon introduced the word 'howler' on Podcast 3:

'When someone makes a big mistake in football, when someone misses an open goal, misses an easy shot or makes a mistake while trying to make a save.

The other day for example, Japan against Croatia, Yanagisawa, **what a howler!**'

The Guardian

'...Germany's No1 Jens Lehmann gets his World Cup **howler** excuses in early.'

<http://football.guardian.co.uk/Fiver/0,,1780746,00.html>

The Independent

Thierry Henry was allowed little rope by his Arsenal team-mate Philippe Senderos, who would have been named man of the match ahead of the respective anchormen Claude Makelele and Johann Vogel but for one **howler** in the first half that should have led to a goal.

<http://sport.independent.co.uk/football/internationals/article994009.ece>

Week 4 – ‘To con’

This is a phrase we use when someone is cheating – diving or pretending to be injured to get another player booked or sent off.

Henry: I'm not a guy who cheats

Despite clutching his face in anguish after being caught on the chest, Thierry Henry says he didn't con the ref during France's win over Spain.

<http://football.guardian.co.uk/worldcup2006/story/0,,1807677,00.html>